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1. DEFENSE ATTACHE IS REPORTING SEPARATELY DETAILS OF FORTHCOMING DEPLOYMENT OF FRENCH AIRCRAFT CARRIER CLEMENCEAU TO INDIAN OCEAN. THIS DEPLOYMENT IS A REAFFIRMATION OF CONTINUING GOF INTEREST IN FRENCH NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. FRANCE NOW HAS FOURTEEN SHIPS DEPLOYED THERE AND HAS HISTORICALLY MAINTAINED THE LARGEST CONTINUOUS NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

2. IN A RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE, PRESIDENT CARTER ALLUDED TO POTENTIAL ARMS LIMITATIONS DISCUSSIONS
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WITH THE SOVIET UNION ON NAVAL FORCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. IN LIGHT OF THE CONTINUING FRENCH NAVAL PRESENCE AND INTEREST IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, WE AGAIN RECOMMEND (REFTEL) THAT THE DEPARTMENT UNDERTAKE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOF PRIOR TO TAKING ANY INITIATIVES WITH THE SOVIETS ON THIS SUBJECT. THIS WILL BOTH BOLSTER THE ADMINISTRATION'S PUBLIC COMMITMENTS TO

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CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES AND HELP TO PRECLUDE FRENCH REACTIONS WHICH MIGHT UNDERCUT SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS OR AN EVENTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIETS.
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